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FOLDING KNIFE")

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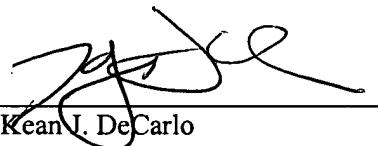
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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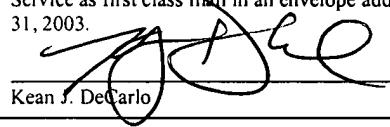


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